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1. CABLE ANSWERS ITEMS I-B AND II-B REFTEL. EMBASSY REPLY
FOR REMAINDER OF OUTLINE IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SENT
TO DEPT BY JAN 30.

2. ENERGY POLICY (I-B): R AND D PRIORITIES ARE LARGELY
FOCUSED ON NUCLEAR ENERGY. MORE THAN THREE-FOURTHS OF
GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR R AND D ACTIVITIES IN ENERGY ARE
ASSOCIATED WITH PEACEFUL UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.
LOCATION OF NEW NUCLEAR POWER SITES TAKES NEARLY HALF OF
FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR NUCLEAR R AND D ACTIVITIES. GOVERN-
MENT ENCOURAGES PRODUCTION OF PEAT AS FUEL FOR POWER
STATIONS IN ORDER TO DECREASE FINLAND'S DEPENDENCY ON
ENERGY IMPORTS. IN ADDITION TO \$US 157,000 FOR BASIC
RESEARCH IN UTILIZATION OF PEAT, GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED
IN 1976 BUDGET \$US 23,000,000 FOR STATE FUEL CENTER (VAPO)
WHICH USES PEAT AS MAIN SOURCE OF ENERGY.

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3. ENERGY R AND D ACTIVITIES (II-B): ENERGY
DEPARTMENT IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IS
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR FINLAND'S
ENERGY R AND D ACTIVITIES. 1976 R AND D APPROPRIA-
TIONS BY ENERGY FORM ARE:

THOUSAND OF
\$US

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IV. TOTAL 4,226

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